Instructions for Form FTB 3522

Limited Liability Company Tax Voucher

General Information

Form FTB 3522 is used to pay the annual limited liability company (LLC) tax of \$800 for taxable year 2002. An LLC should use this form if it:

- Has articles of organization accepted by the California Secretary of State (SOS):
- Has a certificate of registration issued by the SOS; or
- Is doing business in California.

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Who Must Pay the Annual LLC Tax?

Every LLC that is doing business in California or that has articles of organization accepted or a certificate of registration issued by the SOS **is subject to the annual LLC tax of \$800**. The tax must be paid for each taxable year until a certificate of cancellation of registration or of articles of organization is filed with the SOS.

How to Complete Form FTB 3522

Enter all the information requested on this form. To ensure the timely and proper application of the payment to the LLC's account, enter the SOS file number (assigned upon registration with the SOS), and the federal employer identification number (FEIN).

Note: If the LLC leases a private mailbox (PMB) from a private business rather than a PO box from the United States Postal Service, include the box number in the field labeled "PMB no." in the address area.

Where to Mail

Detach and mail the voucher portion along with the payment to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD PO BOX 942857 SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0631

When to Pay the Annual LLC Tax

The annual LLC tax is due and payable on or before the 15th day of the 4th month after the beginning of the LLC's taxable year (fiscal year) or April 15, 2002 (calendar year).

Note: The first taxable year of an LLC that was not previously in existence begins when the LLC is organized.

If the 15th day of the 4th month of an existing foreign LLC's taxable year has passed before the foreign LLC commences business in California or registers with the SOS, the annual LLC tax should be paid immediately after commencing business or registering with the SOS.

Example: LLC1, a newly-formed calendar year taxpayer, organizes as an LLC in Delaware on June 1, 2002. LLC1 registers with the SOS on August 14, 2002, and begins doing business in California on August 15, 2002. Because LLC1's initial tax year began on June 1, 2002, the annual LLC tax is due September 16, 2002 (the 15th day of the 4th month of the short period taxable year). LLC1's short period (6/1/2002-12/31/2002) tax return is due April 15, 2003. The annual tax payment for tax year 2003, with form FTB 3522 also is due April 15, 2003.

Penalties and Interest

If the LLC fails to pay its total tax by the 15th day of the 4th month after the beginning of the taxable year, a late payment penalty plus interest will be assessed for failure to pay the annual LLC tax by the return due date for the prior year. The penalty and interest will be computed from the due date of the tax to the date of payment.

Late Payment of Prior Year Annual LLC Tax

If a prior year LLC tax of \$800 was not paid on or before the 15th day of the 4th month after the beginning of the taxable year, the tax should be remitted as soon as possible, using the appropriate tax year form FTB 3522. **Do not** use any other form for payment of the tax. This will assure proper application of the payment to the LLC's account.

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